



Travel Happy! A DATCP Sticker Means You Are Getting What You Paid For at the Pump

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MADISON – If you are planning to travel this Memorial Day weekend, you may need to stop by a Wisconsin gas station to fill up your car before you hit the road. If you see the inspection sticker of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) on the pump, you can be confident that our weights and measures inspectors have tested that unit and found it to be accurate.

“Most retailers strive for honesty at the pump, and that’s demonstrated in our inspection results,” said Sandy Chalmers, Division Administrator for Trade and Consumer Protection. “Wisconsin consumers can drive with confidence this Memorial Day weekend knowing that they got a fair deal at the pump.”

In 2013, DATCP inspectors tested 30,835 grades of fuel at pumps statewide. Consumers received either the accurate amount of fuel or extra fuel 99.5 percent of the time in these tests.

When checking fuel pumps, DATCP inspectors and city sealers test for accuracy, check for tampering, look for leaks, verify posted price signs, test fuel quality and check that the customer displays are working and are accurate.

For even more protection in a fuel purchase, Wisconsin consumers can:

- Check the price per gallon on the pump to ensure that it matches the street sign.
- Verify that the price display reads zero before you open the nozzle.
- Check the total price after filling up to ensure that it computed properly.
- Tell the store management immediately if there is a problem at the pump. If you wish to file a weights and measures complaint with DATCP, visit datcp.wi.gov, send an e-mail to datcpweightsandmeasures@wi.gov or call 608-224-4942.

So before you hit the highway this weekend, check for a DATCP inspection sticker or city seal at the pump so you can focus on the road...not your wallet.

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At the gas pump, look for this blue DATCP sticker or a city seal to ensure that the unit you are using has passed a recent inspection.